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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION

REFS: A. STATE 122509, B. MANILA 8513

1. EMBASSY REPORTED THE INITIAL PHILIPPINE REACTIONS TO THE REVISED POSSIBLE APPROACH TO THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION IN REFTEL B. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR HAS SINCE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DR. IBE OF THE PAEC COMMENTING FURTHER ON THE PROGRAM.

2. QUOTE:

"THIS IS WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER OF 1 JUNE 1977, ASKING FOR OUR VIEWS ON THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM (INFCEP) PROPOSED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. WE WISH TO INFORM THAT AFTER A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE SAME, WE FIND THE INFCEP A VERY REASONABLE AND TIMELY PROGRAM. WE SUBSCRIBE TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM.

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WE ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN SOME OF THE R & D AREAS MENTIONED, SPECIFICALLY ALONG THE FOLLOWING:

(1) THORIUM EXPLORATION AND ASSESSMENT. IT IS INFORMED THAT THE PAEC HAS ALREADY AN ONGOING PROGRAM FOR URANIUM EXPLORATION.

(2) LOW GRADE ORE MINING TECHNIQUES.

(3) POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO
ASSURE LONG-TERM FUEL SUPPLY.

(4) COORDINATED RESEARCH ON SPENT-FUEL STORAGE
OPTIONS.

(5) SPENT FUEL RESPOSITORIES, ON THE REGIONAL OR
INTERNATIONAL BASIS.

(6) STUDIES ON LONG TERM RETRIEVABLE STORAGE.

(7) TECHNOLOGY FOR PERMANENT STORAGE OF SPENT
FUEL OR HIGH LEVEL WASTES; AND,

(8) EFFORTS IN THE AREA OF REPROCESSING.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN
THIS REGARD. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: INTEREST IN ITEMS 3 THROUGH 8 ABOVE ARE
CONSISTENT WITH THE PHILIPPINES' CONTINUING INTEREST IN
BEING CONSIDERED AS A SITE FOR A REGIONAL REPROCESSING
CENTER. END COMMENT.

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